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KEEPING AN EYE ON THE ACTION - Elk Point Elks goalie Paul Lafreniere is poised and ready for whatever the Vermilion Rock might send his way during Saturday night's final game of the regular season, and succeeded in shutting out the visiting team in a 5 - 0 Elks win. The Elks now move on to the first round of playoffs, taking on Two Hills Longhorns with the first game on Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Elk Point Minor Hockey looking for community support for Bantam 'D' Provincials

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Minor Hockey and Elk Point Bantam Avalanche are proud to be hosting the 2017-2018 Bantam 'D' Provincials, March 15 to 18, and are sincerely hoping that the community shares the dream of making those four days a huge success for not only the host team but the entire community.

After receiving excellent community support and involvement in last year's provincial tournament, Elk Point Minor

Hockey says they "chose to accept the privilege of representing rural hockey for the province of Alberta. This is something we should all be proud of."

Elk Point has a long tradition of hosting provincials for both minor hockey and minor ball, with these events bringing in teams and their families from across the province. There is real potential for this influx of visitors to have a positive impact on not just the A. G. Ross Arena but the local economy as well, and there are numerous ways for businesses and individuals to show their

support, from donation of volunteer time before and during the event to donating gift bag items for players or silent auction items. Monetary donations will go to cover everything from referee fees to banners to the players' banquet.

Volunteer opportunities range from helping to prepare the arena for the event, which should be a far less arduous task than it was last year when major upgrades to lighting and painting were undertaken. Still, there are tasks such as selling programs and helping out in the concession that could be filled

by willing community members.

Something new this year is the opportunity to sponsor one of the games, from round robin to the gold medal final, with the sponsors to be suitably recognized at the games and in the program. For further information, contact tournament chair Candace Bendixen at 780-646-0810.

With no admission fees to be charged this year, spectators are urged to fill the arena for each and every game and cheer on our Bantam Avalanche in their quest for the gold.

Repayment strategy up to new executive

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It's going to take new ideas and wise decision making, but Elk Point Chamber of Commerce started off the new year by agreeing that ways to repay the \$135,000 loan remaining on the Eco Centre should be determined by the incoming executive, which will be elected at the Feb. 7 Annual General Meeting.

One of the chamber's dependable sources of revenue is the rent received for the offices housing the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS. The second major source is the commission the group receives from the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan that is available to members of this and other chambers of commerce and boards of trade across the country, and it was suggested that the plan's representative in this area be invited to give a presentation to the members at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

Membership notices were sent out last week and are already bringing in some much needed revenue. It was noted that both home-based businesses and farms are eligible to become part of the chamber and are also able to access the insurance and a variety of other added-value programs, from discounts on fuel and courier service to safety training, which are made possible through the chamber's affiliation with the Alberta Chambers of Commerce and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

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Anglers give input on proposed fishing regulation changes

GRAHAM DEME
Review Contributor

Over 150 anglers attended a Jan. 16 meeting at Lac Bellevue Hall to hear the Alberta government's proposed changes to fishing regulations for 2018, specifically as they apply to walleye and pike.

Travis Ripley, executive director of Fish and Wildlife Policy for Alberta Environment & Parks, and Paul MacMahon, resource director for the Lower Athabasca Region were in attendance for the three-hour meeting.

A similar meeting was held at Lac Bellevue Hall on Sept. 7, 2016, which got a little heated. Emcee Ray Danyluk spoke to the past meeting as soon as the Jan. 16 meeting began.

"We did a lot of venting in our last meeting. It got emotional, but it needed to be. We were in what I call a mode of emotion. (Tonight) we have to be in a mode of selection," Danyluk said, noting they had the "right people" in the room to have their voices heard, in

regards to Ripley and MacMahon.

"I think everyone here wants one thing, to maintain fish stocks in the communities," Danyluk told the crowd.

Some of the proposed changes for walleye show eight lakes (Minnow, Sylvan, Wabamum, Arnisk, Ethel, Hilda, Round, Gregoire) that are currently catch and release remain as such, move to tags, or move to anglers keeping one walleye greater than 50 cm. The overall findings and proposed changes show the walleye population has improved over the years.

Fish population was a heated topic during the 2016 meeting.

Some of the proposed changes for pike include six lakes (Elinor, Ethel, Hilda, Lac La Biche, Fawcett, Nipisi), where anglers can currently keep either one or three pike they catch, move to catch and release or tags.

In total, 34 lakes for 2018 had proposed changes and an additional 46 lakes for 2019 were identified.

Ripley said the proposed changes were based on feedback from a public online survey that was available for those interested to complete.

"It's (important) for us to hear recommendations from people in this room, as well as (gather information) through the online survey, so that when we are evaluating the options . . . We make the best science-based decisions that we can."

MacMahon says the framework of the proposal for pike and walleye management is "spread over three years," from 2018 through 2020. He added that Alberta lakes face extra challenges compared to other lakes out east, which is taken into consideration when putting the proposal together. Items to consider include an increase in anglers, and the environment itself.

"We're pretty much at the most Northern extent of walleye population in North America, so we don't have as productive lakes as (other provinces and states). It's relatively cold, fairly short seasons, it takes a long time for a walleye to grow," said MacMahon.

"What a walleye might grow in size in six years (elsewhere) it's going to take double that or even three times (as long) up here in Alberta," he explained.

Preference selection sheets were handed out at the door while people entered the hall on Tuesday, and results from those sheets, plus a show of hands, indicated the entire room did not support a catch and release only solution for either pike or walleye, nor did all but three attendees support draws for tags for pike or walleye.

During the slide show, MacMahon explained

Chamber

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An ongoing issue facing the chamber has been the repairs to the EcoCentre after the basement flooded for the second year in a row, and a message from Town of Elk Point CAO Ken Gwozdz indicated that the bill for the latest work will be in the neighborhood of \$13,000. Jonny Nielsen assured members that the new two-pump system should prevent this from happening a third time, and said the alarm system on the newly installed pump is definitely working, as he was alerted recently when the pump was slow to start operating, with a second call from the alarm company just moments later telling him that it had started and all was well. The chamber is waiting for a list of requirements before a maintenance plan for the facility can be put in place, which will also help to alleviate future problems.

The chamber was pleased to hear that Elk Point Minor Hockey will once again be hosting a Provincial Championship tournament, with the Bantam Avalanche slated to host the Bantam 'D' Provincials from March 15 to 18. Elk Point businesses are urged to support the event, which will bring teams from all areas of the province to Elk Point, and provide a boost to the local economy. A number of sponsorship options, from program advertising to silent auction donations to game sponsorship, are available, and all donations toward the cost of hosting the tournament are welcome.

More good news came in regards to the Elk Point Airport. Jonny Nielsen announced that he has been appointed a county member-at-large of the Airport Commission, which consists of representatives from both the town and county. Gwozdz sent word that Enbridge has approved the request for a \$10,000 donation toward the \$800,000 lighting upgrade, and that word is expected from Albert Transportation this week regarding the STIP grant that would pay 75 per cent of the cost of the upgrade, if approved.

the process of how the government collected data regarding walleye and pike population in a specific lake, and from that system was able to estimate the approximate number of fish of those species in a lake.

The attendees widely disputed the system used by the government, and one speaker from the crowd suggested after the floor was opened for questions and comments bringing in 'outsiders' to conduct an independent study and compare results from the government's findings, which was supported by others in the room.

The crowd also disagreed with part of the presentation's reporting a five per cent mortality rate among the walleye population as being far too low. Another show of hands saw everyone in attendance shoot their hand in the air when asked by emcee Danyluk if they think it is much higher.

Following the meeting, Ray Makowecki, a fish biologist and volunteer, sent out an emailed update, offering what he thought were some of the highlights from Tuesday's meeting.

"For the walleye-pike lakes, the majority of people in attendance said they preferred to have one fish daily harvests of slot-sized walleye and pike that would be controlled by season length (short seasons for lakes smaller than 1,000 hectares), and concurrent (same days or weeks) seasons," he wrote. "For the pike-perch lakes the majority of people preferred to have one or two pike daily harvests any size or with slot-size restrictions in a few lakes."

Makowecki noted that simply stated - "All the people attending wanted to eat a fish," but they also want to see an ecological balance for all fish species.

Restoring lost fish habitats at lakes such as Muriel, Mann Lakes, Bonnie, and more, along with creating new fish habitats, was also brought up. Accuracy of catch and release mortality rates was also discussed, along with anglers wanting to see a reduction in fish mortalities caused by sampling.

Both MacMahon and Ripley reiterated towards the end of the session that these proposed changes are exactly that - proposed. And the government will consider the solutions offered by the group before making any permanent changes.

Further Ed welcomes new members

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Further Education council welcomed two new members at their January meeting, with Sherry Bower-Gagne replacing Debra McQuinn as the Elk Point town council representative and Elaine Bjorkman as a new member at large. Council chair Sandra Cameron noted that "new people bring new ideas to the table, the more the better."

Coordinator Verona Lea Flanders gave the newcomers a brief rundown on Further Education's mandate, which in order to receive government grants for operation, must focus on foundational learning while still having the ability to offer other courses on a cost recovery basis.

Foundational courses currently offered include English as a Second Language, Computer Basics, iPad Basics and iPhone Basics. The latter three, as well as courses beneficial to parents and their young children, Board Books for Babies and Rhyme Time, are held in cooperation with the Elk Point Municipal Library. EPFE also offers tutoring for those interested in improving their English or learning basic math skills.

A Retirement Planning workshop, Standard First Aid and First Aid Recertification are also on the winter-spring course list, along with art classes, paper crafts and sewing courses.

Flanders said Further Ed now has both a blog (elk-pointfurthereducation.blogspot.ca) and a website (elk-pointfurthereducation.wixsite.com/home), in addition to being on Facebook, which makes it convenient for potential students and the general public to learn more about upcoming courses and programs.

Elk Point Further Education is currently applied to become a society, and will meet four times a year to plan new courses and explore ways to assist area residents with positive learning experiences.

Canada Day Committee seeking new members

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With only four members at the January meeting, Elk Point's Canada Day Committee is seeking a half dozen more to share in planning and supervising Canada's 151st birthday celebrations in Elk Point. "We'd like to have 10," recreation director Jena Colbourne said. "Ideally, each person or group could be in charge of one aspect of the day."

The July 1 schedule will be similar to last year's, starting with the pancake breakfast and parade and ending with the fireworks display, although some changes are in the works, as the planners seek out new attractions, and possibly bring back some favourites from years past, to add to the lineup.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Canada Day Committee is invited to contact recreation@elk-point.ca. The committee's next meeting will be held on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. at the Town Council chambers.



County of St. Paul Members-at-Large

The County of St. Paul is seeking **County Residents** to sit as a member-at-large on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) along with Elected Officials appointed to this Board. The SDAB is called upon when there is a subdivision appeal or an appeal by a ratepayer on a development permit. The board fulfills the vital function in achieving the goals of orderly, beneficial and economic development set out in Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Training will be provided.

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Staffing cuts coming in 2018-10: SPERD

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

In an effort to meet budget constraints, St. Paul Education Regional Division Superintendent Glen Brodziak reported to trustees last week that cuts would have to be made to staffing for the 2018/19 year.

The board has asked administration to trim about \$1 million from its budget, which is a tricky task since “our expenses continue to rise,” said Brodziak, during last week’s Jan. 15 board meeting.

The division’s student population is down by about 250 students from 2013/14, yet SPERD employs the same number of teaching staff, he explained. With the mindset of keeping funds in the classrooms and keeping class sizes small, some tough decisions will have to be made.

Mallaig School highest priority, Heinsburg third for modernization

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

St. Paul Education Regional Division has approved its Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) funding project list, and most recent capital plan.

According to its capital plan priorities, Mallaig School sits in the highest priority for a modernization. In second place is New Myrnam School, also for a modernization; in third place is a Heinsburg Community School modernization; and in fourth place is the new Two Hills Mennonite School, due to already operating at 100 per cent utilization.

“Our priorities really have been the same for a number of years,” said Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne, during last week’s board meeting on Jan. 17.

“While most of our schools are in relatively good condition, the fact remains that several were built in the 1950s and 1960s and are in need of major modernizations,” reads the SPERD capital plan priorities document.

Several schools do require modernizations and some new construction in order to bring them up to date with mechanical, electrical, and programming standards, according to SPERD.

In Mallaig, the school was built in 1955 with additions done in 1956, 1964, 1981, 1984 and the most recent in 1989. A number of upgrades are required throughout the entire building.

An estimated \$4.465 million modernization would address a number of issues at the school, according to the capital plan. Mallaig has been approved for a Government of Alberta value management study, which is expected to be completed over the 2017/18 school year.

While no modernization has been approved, the value management study is a step in the process, heard the board, during last week’s meeting. The study will engage stakeholders, look at deficiencies in the current building, and take a look at what type of project could be done.

In Myrnam, the school was built in 1954, with additions done in 1959, 1963, and 1990. A \$3.032 million estimated price tag has been put on the work needed.

Heinsburg School was built in 1956 with extensive modernizations done in 1986. A modernization in Heinsburg is estimated to cost over \$8 million.

In Two Hills, while the new Mennonite school has recently been built and is now being used, when it was open in 2017 it was already at 100 per cent utilization.

“Enrollment has historically increased by approximately 40 students per year,” reads the Capital Plan. While enrolment has slowed and is expected to stabilize, if high school completion is improved, space restrictions could become an issue.

A cost estimate on a potential project cannot be determined until a suitable option is decided upon, although the capital plan provides a \$3 million estimate.

The board approved the Capital Plan. Trustees also looked over the IMR list, which has a total budget of just over \$1.5 million. That number includes \$1.3 from 2017/18 allocations, plus carry over from 2016/17 of \$646,000.

The board inquired about the addition of an LED lighting retrofit at Regional High School and Two Hills School, since the project wasn’t on the December IMR document. The project has a price tag of \$100,000.

Champagne noted that the lighting project is something that could see potential payback in lower utility costs, and was also added to the list due to a “growing awareness” of things, such as the carbon levy.

Regional High School has the most exterior lights, and in Two Hills exterior work on lighting is planned anyway, so it made sense to begin with those two schools, said Champagne.

The IMR list includes a number of improvements at Two Hills School, for a total of \$173,100 being budgeted, not including the LED lighting project.

The list also includes a number of items for Regional High School, with the total budget being estimated at over \$400,000. At Elk Point Elementary work on heating and the student drop-off area is being planned.

Smaller projects are being planned for other schools throughout the division.

According to the Alberta Education website, the province had set aside \$185 million for IMR funding in the 2017 budget “to ensure healthy and safe learning environments.”

“Over the next four years, IMR program funding will reach \$900 million,” reads the Alberta Education website.

Brodziak said that \$100,000 has already been cut out of the SPERD central office staffing budget.

When looking at class sizes, Brodziak referred to provincial numbers that show SPERD to be under provincial average in all areas, which is good. In the K to 3 range, SPERD’s average class size is 18.4, provincially that number is 20.4. In the Grade 4 through 6 range, SPERD sits at 19.5 students per class, while the provincial average is 22.7.

In the Grade 7 to 9 range, SPERD is at 19 and the provincial average is 23.6. For the high school range, SPERD’s average class size is 15.3 and the provincial average is 23.4.

“Even with \$1 million cut, we will be below provincial averages,” said Brodziak. The first round of discussions to see what changes can be made for the next school years are now underway.

Cold Weather

During his monthly report, Brodziak gave the board a recap of how the division handled the extreme cold weather that was experienced on Jan. 11 and 12. Buses outside the Town of St. Paul were cancelled due to the temperature dipping below -40C.

The cold weather also overlapped with Part A of provincial diploma Social Studies and English exams. The province did say students could be exempt from the exam, since buses were cancelled, but according to reports by administration during last week’s meeting, only one school location was impacted by students missing the diploma exam.

When explaining why the division chose to run in-town buses, Brodziak said, “We can safely take care of those kids,” and the division also takes into account the convenience for parents.

In the end, “parents have the ultimate decision,” regarding their child attending school in extreme weather, said the superintendent.

Brodziak added that knowing the cold weather was coming made for the decision being made earlier than normal to cancel buses, which allowed for parents to plan ahead.

Carbon levy

Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne offered a financial report during last week’s meeting, saying the division is “staying the course,” and keeping close to its budget.

But, he did note that the 50 per cent increase in the carbon levy that came into effect on Jan. 1 will be something that the division has to consider. Bus contractors, for example, face cost pressures such as the changing price

of fuel.

Champagne noted that it’s still a desire among school boards to see some sort of funding coming back to schools to complete projects that could make facilities more efficient, for example.

Parent Council

The board agreed to approve some guidelines that will allow for parent councils at SPERD schools to start up their own social media accounts, while the division maintains control if any type of abuse occurs on the accounts.

Some parent councils have expressed interest in starting up their own Facebook pages, for example, said trustee Rhonda Lafrance. She added that the groups would look at setting up pages where members have to be approved, rather than keeping the groups open to the public. Comments would also be closed on the pages.

The school division would retain the right to monitor and remove the social media pages, if needed. The social media accounts would not be mandatory for any parent councils to have, and the guidelines are for those who have expressed interest.

It was also noted that parent council pages are a separate entity than the school’s social media pages, and are meant to draw people into what parent council do, and showcase initiatives by parent council.

Lafrance noted that she felt there shouldn’t be a lot of duplication between the parent council pages and the school social media pages.

“Really, it’s getting more people involved . . . that is the goal of this,” said superintendent Glen Brodziak. A motion to allow parent councils to set up social media pages was approved.



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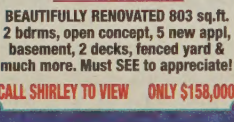
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EDITORIAL

Major milestone for Oilmen's

Congratulations to the Elk Point Oilmen's Association on reaching a very impressive milestone, their 35th annual Oilmen's Bonspiel.

The first Oilmen's Bonspiel pre-dated the St. Paul Journal's purchase of the Elk Point Review by a few weeks, and it was our pleasure and privilege to cover that long-ago event as part of the Journal staff, and each and every Oilmen's Bonspiel since that time for the Review.

Very few organizations would have the determination and ambition to carry on an event of this size for 35 years, especially since the organizers, the sponsors and the participants have all experienced not only booms but major busts in the oil industry along the way. Somehow, the Oilmen have always been able to round up enough sponsors and enough curlers to carry on the event, even when times were at their worst, and that very fact must have been a bright spot in some dark times for the participants.

Check out the list on Page 6, and you will see that many of the event winners came back time after time to defend their titles, and must have some great memories of their success.

Keep up the good work, Oilmen!

RECREATION CORNER

Bored? Check out the board game night!

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Review Contributor

The ROCK Foundation is hosting a really cool event on January 25th, it's a board game night. They have every board game you can think of, and they're ready for you and your family. It's going to be a great night to unplug and get away from electronics and devices. All of the games have been supplied by the Elk Point FCSS and when I say they have everything - they really do! The event is free of charge and starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Further Ed building. You can pop in, come and go or register so they have a good idea of how many people will be attending. Contact Sandie at 780-614-7643.

We talked last week about a survey going out in the mail in regards to recreation in our community. That survey should be showing up in the next week or two. I wanted to remind you to look for it and be sure to fill it out. It's very important that we get as much feedback as possible from the residents. The County of St. Paul, the Town of St. Paul, Summer Village or Horseshoe Bay and the Town of Elk Point are partnering up to create a recreation master plan. Your feedback will be vital in shaping that plan, so watch for the surveys and fill them out!

Family Day is February 19th and plans are underway for the annual free public skating at the arena. We will be hosting the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free burgers and drinks. This year we're teaming up with the Early Childhood Development Committee to bring in Papillon the Clown and a photographer to take fun family photos. More details on this event will be coming up soon.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for events and happenings, @townofelkpoint.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Winter Games wins, Surface Rights agreements, palm tree visions

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 22 IN...

1988

Figure skaters Elisabeth Ludlage and Shauna Loughran were off to the Alberta Winter Games in Red Deer after winning gold and silver respectively in the Juvenile Ladies class at the North East Alberta Winter Games. Larger centres "where they don't have to be on call every third night" attract doctors away from towns the size of Elk Point, Dr. Frank Estey told the chamber of commerce when he and hospital board members John Williams and Marvin Bjornstad came to their meeting to discuss the need for more doctors.

1993

Elk Point Surface Rights Association and Amoco Canada Petroleum came to an agreement over Phase 2 of Amoco's Elk Point project, with landowners to receive a \$500 per well increase in rental if they accept a variable lease compensation option. Two accidents causing injury to four individuals occurred within a half hour, with the rescue van responding to the first crash rear-ending a vehicle that braked suddenly in front of it and sending it into the ditch.

1998

Former MLA, school trustee, municipal councillor and county reeve John Drobot passed away suddenly at the age of 71 at his beloved Wagon Wheel Ranch in the Stoney Lake hills. Visions of palm trees danced in the heads of the Elk Point Lioness Club as they made their first draw of the year in the Trip of the Month Club, with the week in Waikiki going to Marie Buck.

2003

Town council started off the year by taking a strong stand in dealing with the rising costs of providing

water, sewer and garbage collection, which could have resulted in a total deficit of more than \$60,000 for the three services, and voted to implement a \$5 increase per month for water and sewer and a \$3 increase for garbage collection to offset increases in costs. Elk Point Girls Storm hockey team won the 'A' side of their home tournament, defeating Wainwright.

2008

Planning was already underway to welcome the David Thompson Bicentennial Canoe Brigade, scheduled to arrive May 17 on a voyage commemorating Thompson's triumphant 1808 trip to report the discovery of Howse Pass to the North West Company in Thunder Bay, ON. New ideas were already abundant for the 2008 Christmas Extravaganza, with chamber vice-president Shirley Harms noting that the event had been ongoing continuously for more than 20 years and with a lot of money spent in the community each year during the event, thanks to its organizers.

2013

Elk Point Town Council gave first reading to the new Land Use Bylaw which included provisions for the use of temporary structures such as tent garages and for the development of secondary suites, with the bylaw then headed for a public hearing.



ELK POINT METELYTSIA Ukrainian Dance Club entertained at their annual Malanka celebration.

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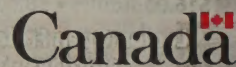
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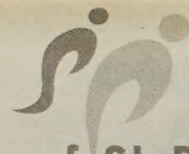
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FIRST EVER OILMEN'S CHAMPIONS - Gordon McCuaig presented the 1984 Heavy Oil Grand Challenge trophy from Westmin Resources to Klinger Oilfield Services rinkmates (left to right) Mel Wells, Terry Lively, Richard Klinger and Mel Klinger, who defeated the Leyen Oilfield Service foursome (front, left to right) Jim Spears, Clarence Hodgson, George Schreiber and Darwin Dean) in the final game after three days of curling. B&R Transport, skipped by Jim Kosh, won the second event and FDS Oilfield Services, skipped by Elmer Goulet, won the third event.



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St. Paul-Elk Point Regional Recreation Services Master Plan - Press release

Recreation is a significant contributor to resident quality of life in our region. Encompassing sports, parks, arts & culture, leisure pursuits, and the natural setting, recreation enriches lives and builds communities. Residents in the area enjoy quality of life due to public investment in recreation services and facilities and the efforts of various organizations and individuals working to provide recreational opportunities in the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul No. 19, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

In order to effectively make decisions about recreation provision and resource priorities, the **St. Paul-Elk Point Regional Partnership is undertaking the development of a Recreation Services Master Plan** utilizing the Alberta Community Partnership Grant funds of \$105,000. The Master Plan will assess the current state and identify priorities and recommendations regarding the provision of recreation facilities, active lifestyle and social gathering opportunities, and recreation services to meet the needs of residents and visitors into the future. RC Strategies + PERC (a planning company) has been retained to work with the partnership to complete the Master Plan.

Consultation with the community is critical to the development of the Master Plan. Community partners, organizations, and residents will be provided with opportunities to share their thoughts on the current situation and future needs. A survey will be mailed to households in the region in early 2018 to gather the opinions of area residents. As well, the perspectives of community groups will be gathered in at the same time. Please visit your local municipal website for project updates and to learn of other opportunities to share your thoughts.

The Recreation Services Master Plan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2018. For more information about the Master Plan process please contact; Tim Mahdiuk, County of St. Paul, at 780-645-3301 ext. 204; Norman R. Briscoe, Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay, at 780-645-4677; Ken Gwozd, Elk Point, at 780-724-3810; or Robert Simons, Town of St. Paul, at 780-645-3388.



THE 10TH ANNUAL OILMEN'S SPIEL saw B & R Eckels curlers Victor Rocque, Wayne Hanson, Denis Ringuette and Don Hanson accepting the Norcen Energy Resources Grand Challenge trophies from Allan Frankiv after their win over (Front, left to right) Universal's Morris Yakubowski, Trevor Acker, Vince Armstrong and Trevor Whalen.

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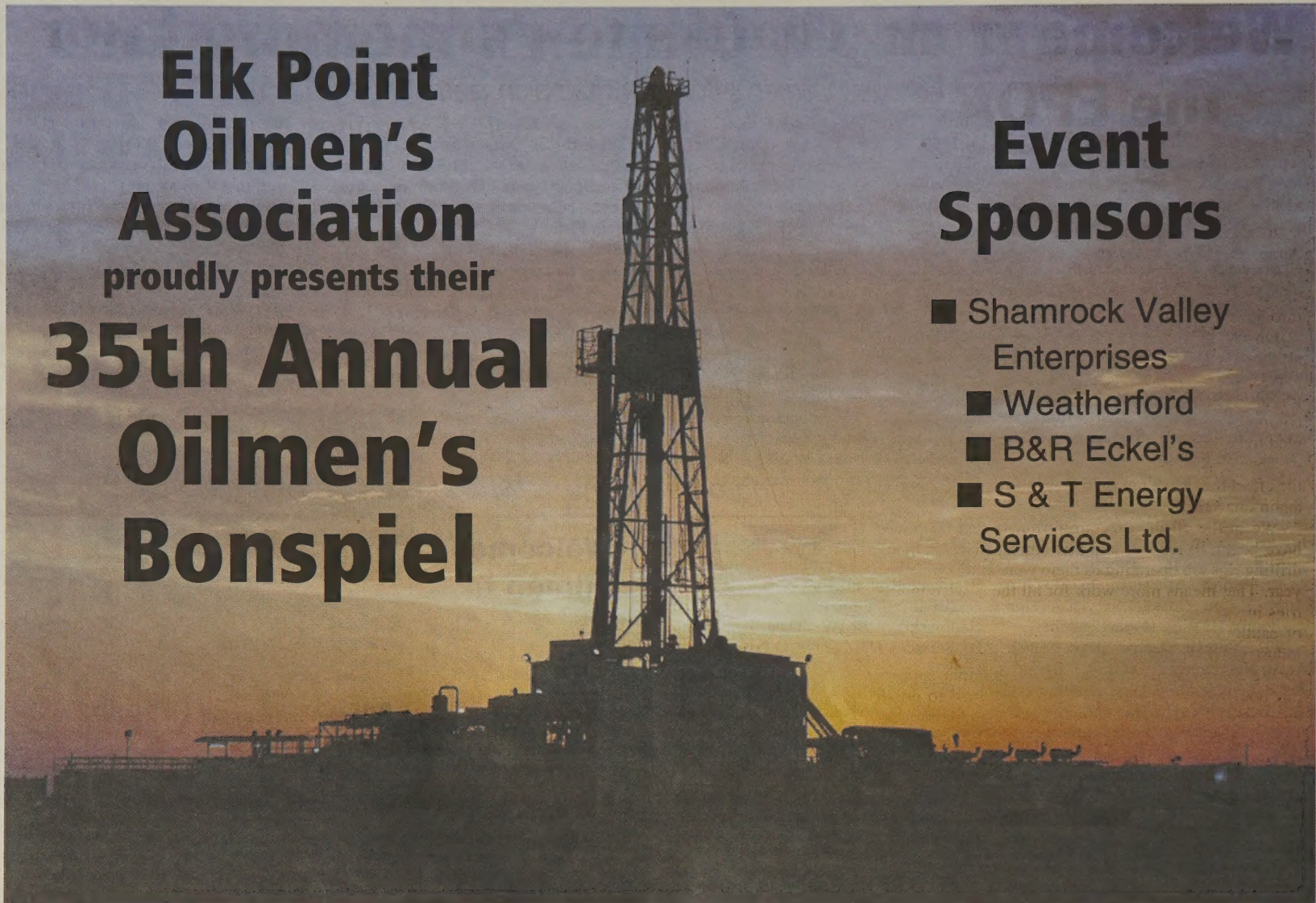
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Welcome from the EPOA President

Thanks to our great sponsors!

It has come to that time of year again and the 35th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel is here. That's a long history for any group, and a lot of thanks go to all the committees that kept it going for all those years, through the booms and busts.

On behalf of the EPOA, I would like to welcome all those who are attending and involved in this year's event. Some of you have been here year after year, and it is always our pleasure to welcome you back for more competition. Others are newcomers and we are very glad to have you on board - the more the better.

Thanks also to my hard working committee for all the effort they have put in to make the bonspiel happen again this year.

We in the oil industry are fortunate that oil prices have begun to recover and that almost twice as many drilling rigs are operating as there were at this time last year. That means more work for all the service industries in our area, which makes the overall picture one of cautious optimism for the future, not only for the industry but for businesses in our community.

We are so grateful to the businesses that support our bonspiel every year and have continued to do so even when times were tough, and to all those who have donated to our event again this year. It is because of your generosity that we have been able to continue hosting the bonspiel that has become a tradition in Elk Point.

In closing, I wish all the best to this weekend's curlers, as they "Hurry hard!" and aim for the button. May the weekend result in new friendships and lasting memories, and at least for a while, help us to forget the challenges we face in our day-to-day lives as we focus on the challenges we face in one game at a time. Enjoy your weekend, curlers and guests, and please make use of our shuttle service to get you home safely.

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Welcome Oilmen to our great host town, Elk Point!

It might not be the Olympics, but the Oilmen's bonspiel is just as great!

Try not to get "bumped" out of the house.
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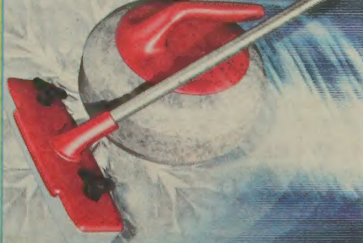
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F. G. Miller curlers start off bonspiel season in Islay



SUCCESS TIMES THREE - Carson Vogel, Kaiden Evans-Anderson, Hunter Nelson, Dustin Pinder, Zane Cribbins and coach Don Anderson were pleased with the results of their first bonspiel of the season, in Islay, where they won all three games. They will be back on the ice in St. Paul this Saturday, looking for more wins.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - Tessa Pindroch, Keanna Radcliffe, Mackenzie Evans, Maddison Krider, Brooke Krider and coach Donna Krider found the competition stiff but only lost their games by one or two points. Dennell Anderson, who sent along the photos, says, "We entered this Bonspiel in Islay last minute. This is our second year, and the first spiel of the season. The kids curled really well, made some amazing shots. A huge step up from last year. The girls are playing in Vermilion on Feb. 3, then we go to SPAA on Feb. 10th and 11th in Two Hills."

Elk Point Tier I Peewees looking great in new jackets

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Coach James Capjack, a grower in the area, tells us the kids and parents were thrilled with their new jackets and will be wearing them with pride in the upcoming games. GrainCorp and GrainsConnect are proud to support the hockey team as part of our community engagement in Vegreville - the site of GrainsConnect's third country receivals terminal."



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2017 Bird count results are in

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This year's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has now wrapped up, and the numbers have been tabulated. Most notable in this year's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the number of Buntings and Wax-wings that were counted.

These two species account for approximately 60 per cent of the total individual bird count from year to year. The fluctuations in their numbers is not surprising as the Snow Buntings wander so much one needs to be in the right spot at the right moment to catch site of them.

There is no reason to believe that their numbers in our area vary greatly from year-to-year. The same can be said about the Wax-wings, which I have not distinguished between Bohemian and Cedar Wax-wings as it is very common for the cousins to flock together and



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COUNT - A shrike was seen during the count.

their distinguishable features might only be familiar to seasoned birders.

In the 29 years that birders of the area have participated in this annual event, some changes can be noted. For example, in the early years of the count the number of Ravens has greatly increased. This spread of this species has also been noted as the Raven numbers are increasing yearly in the more southerly areas of Alberta.

The consistent winter appearance of European Starlings is also notable as was the appearance three years ago of the Eurasian Collared Doves. Other species such as the Spruce Grouse, Sharp-Tail and Gray Partridge appear to have declined significantly in our area. Is it due to a shrinking of habitat or the increase of predators? Or a combination of both?

The Evening Grosbeaks appear to be making a slow but steady recovery from the mite infestation, which decimated this species approximately 10 years ago. At one time, they were as numerous as Bohemian Wax-wings.

I believe that the quirky weather patterns over the past two to three falls and winters have not greatly affected the bird population in the area of our Christmas Bird Count. Every year there are surprises.

The on going clearing of large tracts of land for agricultural purposes prob-

ably affects bird populations more than the weather. If you take away natural habitat, both the flora and fauna will change.

If anyone has an unusual bird sight-

ing they would like to share, do not hesitate to contact by email at hawkowl4@telus.net or on Facebook.

A total of 38 individual reports were included in this year's bird count.

29th Annual Christmas Town and County Bird Count

SPECIES	TOWN	COUNTY	TOTAL	+/- 2016
Black-capped chickadee	33	87	120	-6
Boreal chickadee	2	6	8	+4
Hairy woodpecker	7	35	42	+12
Downy woodpecker	8	31	39	-0-
Pileated woodpecker	--	7	7	+3
Red breasted nuthatch	4	10	14	+6
White breasted nuthatch	12	18	30	+3
English house sparrows	344	128	472	+90
Bohemian wax-wing	520	260	780	+700
PineGrosbeak	4	124	128	+14
Evening grosbeak	--	74	74	+50
Common redpoll	18	55	73	+30
Hoary redpoll	2	28	30	-0-
Purple finch	4	6	10	-4
Snow bunting	--	1,400	1,400	+850
European starlings	18	32	50	+20
White-winged crossbills	--	24	24	+8
Red-winged crossbills	3	16	19	-12
Reffued grouse	--	11	11	-5
Northern saweth owl	--	8	8	+4
Great grey owl	--	2	2	-0-
Great horned owl	--	2	2	-1
Snowy owl	--	6	6	+1
Blue Jay	8	42	50	+10
American Robin	2	3	5	+2
Rock Dove	72	108	180	+40
Mourning Dove	--	12	12	+4
Eurasian collaged dove	--	3	3	-3
Ducks - Mallard	11	--	11	-31
Northern shovelers	7	--	7	+7
Raven	18	53	71	-16
Magpie	6	74	80	+1
Goshawk	--	2	2	+1
Northern harrier	--	2	2	-0-
Bald eagle	--	2	2	+1
Norther shrike	2	--	2	+2
Merlin	1	1	2	-1
Pine siskins	18	41	59	+44
Dark-eyed juncos	--	18	18	+2
Number of birds counted	1124	2731	3855	+1916
Number of species	24	36	39	+2

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BIRDS - A juvenile Northern Goshawk is spotted.

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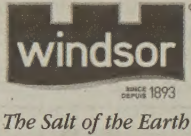
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TOWN OF ELK POINT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MANAGER OF FINANCE



The Town of Elk Point is seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated individual to assume the responsibility of Manager of Finance.

Position Summary: Reporting directly to the Town Manager (CAO), the Manager of Finance is a member of the Senior Management Team. The Manager of Finance is the Chief Financial Officer, Human Resources Officer, and FOIP Coordinator who is responsible for all financial management, control and reporting, overseeing accounting functions, conduct forecast analysis and monitor corporate credit. The incumbent must ensure compliance with all applicable legislation and will play a key role in short and long term strategic decision making while overseeing finance staff.

Education: Preference will be given to applicants with:

- A Bachelor Degree in Finance or Business Administration with major in Accounting.
- An accounting designation (C.A., C.M.A. and C.G.A.) or working towards it, is considered an asset.
- A combination of education/training in municipal administration/finance and experience may be considered.

Experience:

- Minimum 5 years' experience at a senior management level in financial accounting and reporting field of a municipality or government organization.
- Minimum 3 years of supervising experience.
- A thorough understanding of the financial and budgeting process.
- Successful experience in implementing short and long-term Capital Plans.
- Experience with computerized finance systems such as Muniware would be an asset.
- Successful experience with financial reporting, budgets, internal controls, business planning and asset management.
- An ability to work effectively with elected officials, community leaders, boards and committees and public.
- Experience leading an Administrative support team, managing resources, developing training plans, mentoring and coaching.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Exceptional written, oral, interpersonal and presentation skills.
- Demonstrates attention to detail and performing work with accuracy.
- Solid understanding of municipal financial processes and procedures.
- Records and monitors investments.
- Knowledge of information technology systems and controls, developing and implementing policies and strategies.
- Knowledge of Human Resources and applicable legislation.
- A high level of integrity, confidentiality and accountability.
- Strong mentoring and coaching experience to the team.
- Knowledge of the Alberta Municipal Government Act (M.G.A.) and other relevant Alberta legislation.

For a complete Job Description please visit the Town's website at: <http://www.elkpoint.ca/Employment-Opportunities>

Application deadline is January 26, 2018 at 4:00 PM or until a suitable candidate is chosen.

The Town of Elk Point offers a competitive salary with an attractive benefit package including a defined pension plan (LAPP) and a team work environment that supports a work life balance. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume including a cover letter, available start date, and 3 work related references. A criminal record check will be required by the successful candidate as per Town Policy to:

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4914 - 50 Avenue
Elk Point, Alberta
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ATTN: Ken Gwozdz
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Employment Opportunity for: PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

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The County of St. Paul No. 19 invites applications for the position of **Public Works Supervisor**. This position reports directly to the Director of Public Works and is responsible for supervising, scheduling and controlling the activities of the Public Works department in road construction and maintenance.

The Supervisor is accountable for the safe and efficient operation of all Public works functions. This position will also be a member of the Asset Management Team and be responsible for the assets in the Public Works Department. The County offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefit package.

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County of St. Paul
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Any questions can be directed to Mark Chileen at 780-645-3006.

LAB TECHNICIAN

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A Bachelor's degree (B.S.) from four-year College or university in Food Science, Chemistry or Chemical Engineering preferred. Minimum two (2) years of experience operating in a food production/packaging environment. Supervisory experience preferred. Computer proficient in MS Office. SAP experience preferred. Working knowledge of quality system experience preferred - ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 17025, GMP, HACCP, BRC.

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The family of Myrna Fox, wish to thank you for the many kindnesses, condolences and support we have received over the past months. We send our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Oyeboode & staff at Elk Point hospital for their care & concern. To Rev. Anne McGrath for conducting the service and internment, and to Leanne & staff at Grace Gardens for all the help with the arrangements. Thank you to all the family members, friends and neighbors, and to all the people who sent sympathy messages and offers of assistance in this difficult time. Very much appreciated. Thank You all.
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A heartfelt "THANK-YOU" from the Elk Point Palliative Care Society.

Due to FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy), we are no longer able to publish names in the newspaper.

Announcements

Drobot, Steve



Steve Drobot died on January 18th at the age of 84. Steve spent his entire life (with the exception of a memorable trip to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto) in the St. Paul area where he met and married his wife Elma (1933-2013).

He was a founding member of the Stoney Lake Rodeo Association, and was regularly seen serving breakfast bright and early on rodeo Sundays; a wrangler and clerk for the St. Paul Auction Mart; and, a long-time participant and organizer with the St. Paul community pasture.

An old-time farmer, welder, mechanic and all-round handy kind of guy, he could often be found helping his neighbours and friends. He fixed, modified and adapted what he had into what he needed. He was especially pleased to appear on an episode of the Prairie Farm Report where he demonstrated the water pipe roller he made for the community pasture using the frame of a square baler (the "Drobot Roller"). He was involved with many other community projects and in recent years could be found demonstrating his restored wood-splitter at Haying in the 30's and catching up with old friends.

After his semi-retirement from farming, he and Elma enjoyed attending music jamborees, playing cards and driving around the countryside with friends. He especially enjoyed being invited to holiday celebrations and barbecues.

In keeping with Steve's specific instructions, no memorial services will be held. In remembrance, donations can be made to Haying in the 30's.

Thank you From The Family Of Gerald Melnyk

Olga Melnyk and family would like to thank all family and dear friends for their love and support of hugs, flowers, food tray's, along with donations, cards and calls.

Special thanks to Dr. Oyeboode and all staff of the Elk Point Parkview Extended Care.

Thank you to the St. Paul Senior Center for the tasteful lunch that was prepared.

Sincere appreciation to Grace Gardens Funeral Home for their compassion and guidance. We are forever thankful.

With all our sincere gratitude, we thank you for the love and support.

Olga Melnyk and Family.





FLAG BEARERS - Three Elk Point Avalanche players had the opportunity to participate in the opening of the final regular season game for the Elk Point Elks, as they proudly carried the flags around the arena and lined up for the singing of O Canada.

Zamboni malfunction relocates games

Some of you hockey parents may remember this. And for sure us grandparents do. In fact we did this all the time when I was a kid playing out on the pond or on the outdoor rink. Back in the day before the Zamboni came along, teams would scrape the ice with big wide wooden boards and flood by pulling a barrel with a cloth on the back. The barrel is still at the back of our arena and so are some of the scrapers, just in case you ever wanted to use them. And in case you didn't hear, the Zamboni crapped out on us this past Thursday night and wouldn't start. And after two days and numerous mechanics trying to start it, a rental unit was sent out from the city and ours was taken in for repair. They think it may be the computer board. It got here in time for the Elks game Saturday night. The timing could have been a bit better, with a bantam game Friday night and five other minor hockey games here on Saturday. Some of them had to be postponed and some moved to another arena. But on the other hand, it could have been worse, if it happened during the Bantam D provincial finals in March. A few weeks ago we helped out Vermilion when their plant went down and provided them with some ice time. Great job by our team managers who had to scramble around finding ice and contacting teams and referees. Mass texts going out - just think how we would have to do that only a few years ago, phoning everyone on the landline.

The **Bantam Avalanche** team was one of those, moving a game Friday night against Lloydminster to Cold Lake with very short notice. Not only was it short notice, but a short bench for our guys once again. This time they pulled up a peewee player, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman to play with them, since he's one of the bigger peewee players, and his team wasn't playing that night, giving them a total of eight skaters. But once again they pulled off a huge win, 7 to 4 for the Avalanche over the Blazers. Four goals and two assists for the 'Jet Stream' Jaden Van Maarion. One goal and three assists for Evan 'Batman' Ockerman. Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow with a goal and an assist, and 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage firing one from the far end into the empty net to put the last spike into the Blazers coffin. Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal with a couple of helpers. Three of the Avalanche goals were scored on the power play, the empty net one by 'Lightning' scored short handed. Great job between the pipes by goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle who faced 36 shots, keeping the boys in the game, the Avalanche putting 29 on the Blazers'

tender. On Saturday more of the same. Eight skaters again, this time against Marwayne, with 'Danny Boy' Cardinal, who served a one game suspension, back in the line-up and he scored the first goal for the



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Avalanche half way through the second to make it a one-all game after 40 minutes. Coming out in the third period the Avalanche would get another two, one by 'Cowboy', one by 'Chuckles' assisted by 'Lightning Liam' and 'King Cole' Bendixen, the final score 3 to 1 for the Avalanche. Another win for this unbelievable 'Miracle on Ice' hockey team!

Our **Midget** team was scheduled to play at 5 p.m. on Saturday and their game against Lloydminster had to be moved to Frog Lake, the Avalanche winning this one quite easily 11 to 4. Four goals for the talented sniper Nick 'Sparky' Anderson, The speedy Austin 'Astro' Axley with two goals and two assist. All arms and legs, the lanky 6 foot 4, Brody 'the Big O' Odgaard with two goals and two assists. Abe 'New Guy' Neufeld with his second of the season. Freewheeling D-man Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage with a goal and an assist. The rugged, hardnosed defenseman 'Warrior Warren' Ference also with one goal and an assist. Wolke 'the Wolfman' Cueva with three assists, team captain 'Awesome Alex' Hunter with a couple of helpers too. Guarding the fort, it wasn't a busy night for goalie Spencer 'Fortress' Hardcastle, but he still made some outstanding high light saves.

Back in business on Sunday at the AGR, but with only one game on the agenda. But, it was a huge game for this young **Peewee 4** team with five atom-aged players in their lineup. No butterflies for these guys. Gung ho and ready to go on Sunday at 2 p.m. when they played fantastic against Bonnyville in a provincial round robin game winning 3 to 0. Coming off the starting line, going full bore, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand scoring the first goal, assisted by Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk and 'Wild Wyatt' Pavoll. Into the second period, 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal would do it all alone right off a faceoff. He picked up the puck, then deked out two players, and then said "How's it going?" to the goalie. Five minutes later the 'Bionic Man' would score one on the power play, going in all alone on the break away and doing the same. With a three goal lead, you would think they may back off a bit, but these guys kept the pressure on for a full 60 minutes and peppered the Pontiacs goalie with 41 shots. No boys are going to push this girl around! Great aggressive work in the corners and in front of the net by defense woman Kaylee 'Big Bird' Radcliffe. Tiny defenseman Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski living up to his nick name, getting the green he rushed with the puck, he was given her all out both ways. Goalie Kade 'the Kid' Fontaine didn't face a ton of shots, but had to make a couple really tough saves in the game to keep his goose egg going. Next game is tomorrow night, Wednesday at 6:15 in Bonnyville. Hey, if you get a chance go give them your support, you'll enjoy the game and the effort is unbelievable.

Because of our Zamboni issues, the **Peewee Tier 1** team had to move their provincial round robin game against

St. Paul to Frog Lake on Saturday. The game ended in a two-all tie, 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras scoring both of the Avalanche goals. And both of his goals were assisted by Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack and 'Mick Jager' Fontaine. Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron was flying in both of their games this weekend. He's not a very big player, but he plays with a big heart and is never intimidated by bigger players. And a great goaltending performance by the stretch! Goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Morozuk stood on his head at times, and shut the door keeping this one close. The next game of the two game, total points series is in St. Paul this Thursday night. Good luck, I know our guys will do this!! On Sunday in Cold Lake the Tier 1 Peewee team had their hands full with the top team in the league. 'Paycheque' and 'Mick Jager' scoring, 'King Kong' with an assist.

The only team that wasn't affected by the Zamboni was the **Atoms** who had two games booked out of town. On Saturday they played a really strong game in Cold Lake. This one could have gone either way, the Avalanche losing 7 to 6. A hat trick, plus an assist for Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk. Two goals and two assists for Eveett 'Snoopy' Smereka. Charlotte 'Web Mail' Henderson sending a message into the twine. Hard working nine to five girls 'Stella Ella' Ballas, and Anna 'the Banana' Henderson getting an assist each. It was a total team effort on Sunday up in Plamondon, the Avalanche winning this exciting one 2 to 1. Grandparent Albert Boratynec commented to his daughter, team manager Melinda Henderson, that he had never seen them play this well, it was best game of the year that he had seen so far. The pretty brown eyed 'Stellar Ella' scoring the first goal. No one is going to can catch this gingerbread man! 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce going coast to coast and top shelf with the second goal. Both of those goals were scored in the third period giving the Avalanche the big win, and both were assisted by the fore-checking forward Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac. And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week, "Winning is always fun, but the car is more important." Teemu Selanne at an All Star game.

OH NO YOU DON'T! A Peewee 4 Avalanche defenseman moves in to snatch the puck from a Bonnyville player in Sunday's provincial round robin game as action at A. G. Ross returned to normal.

